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Statement by O. W. Martin, Jr.
Supervisor Stonewall District
Appomattox County, Virginia

I would like to clarify to the people in Stonewall District the article appearing in last week's issue of the Times-Virginian "Supervisors Vote To Fund New School" This news article has led many people to believe that I voted for the funding. In order to clear this matter and so as not to have any further misunderstanding I want the people in Stonewall District to know that I voted against the Funding of the New High School.

I feel that 3 million of dollars for a new high school is too much.

I feel that in order for this indebtness to be paid, along with all other expenses of the County, that a very heavy burden of taxes will have to be placed upon the people of Appomattox County.

My position regarding the indebtness by our County is well known.

I have voted my convictions as well as the desire of the majority of my constituents as shown by the recent Bond Referendum.

I hope this statement clarifies my position and will answer some of the questions which are being asked.

Thanks Very Much,
O. W. Martin, Jr.

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The Pastor Speaks

ALCOHOL – BRAIN

Prov. 23:29–33

It is becoming increasingly evident that alcohol, even in small quantities is a major enemy of the brain. This fact is once more shown by the research of Dr. Melvin H. Kinsely head of the Anatomy Dept. of the Medical College of South Caralina. Even social drinking, he says, may result in a "great deal of damage", to the brain. "When his level of social drinking is such that he feels very happy, a man is beginning to kill a few brain cells." And he emphasizes, "And the damage is permanent."

The intake of alcohol causes such damage in blood and blood vessels that brain cells could be destroyed by oxygen starvation. The alcohol causes agglutination or thickening of the blood, he says. This sometimes leads to blockage of the blood flow through some of the brain cells. Starved by oxygen for as little as three minutes the affected cells could die. Dr. Kinsely points out that the effect of brain damage is cumulative. The brain consists of between one billion and eight billion cells. But if only as few as ten thousand cells were destroyed at a time this could be sufficient over a continued period of drinking.

Every one knows that alcohol in large quantities affects physical condition and muscular coordination. But long before a person fumbles in putting a key in the ignition he begans to stagger in his walk or even before his senses are affected in a noticeable way, his brain has felt the impact.

The first part of the body affected by alcohol is the brain. It may be difficult to demonstrate that alcohol in small quantities injuries one's physical being. But it is becoming increasingly clear that the mind is the first target.

The most amazing thing about alcohol is why sane people permit it to be manufactured and sold. I know the stock answer,

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear St. Nick,
I would like a minibike. Sometimes I am bad and good. I love you Santa Claus. Some-
thing I know I can't get. I want a Sreamin Demon and a Hot Wheels track. One time I broke a glass and I was sorry I broke it. I am sorry you' dirty going down the chi ...y.

Love,
Philip Kitchen, Jr.

Dear Santa,
I try to be good but sometimes I'm a little bad. But anyway would you bring me a doll named Baby Tender Love and a game toss across. I would like a watch and Barbie with growing pretty hair and a baby bed for my doll because my old one broke. Some barbie clothes and clothes for Crissy. When you come I will have a surprize for you. I do want a Donnie Osborn record. Cornelia, I think wants a few records. That's all I know.

Love
Jane Goill

"Prohibition will increase bootlegging", but it is an illogical answer. A more factual answer would be, "We have allowed alcohol to so integrate our economy that it would be economically insane to remove it." It boils down to this question, which is the most valuable to us, "Money or men." As long as we permit alcohol to flow freely into our community and society we are loudly proclaiming that "money is more important than men."

This is to say nothing of God's condemnation of alcohol. Over 100 passages of scripture condemn light and heavy drinking. The Bible even condemns the man who leads a man into the drinking habit. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken also." Are you helping to destroy men by selling them alcohol? I pray not and I pray that this shall not be the case in the days to come in our community.

Rev. Ernie W. Lucas, Pastor
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

GENIUS OF TEMPTATION

Lesson for December 26, 1971

Background Scripture: Luke 3: 15–22, 4:1–15

God seems to have a strange sense of timing. One moment Jesus is at the River Jordan in a moment of high inspiration and commitment. It was here, following his baptism by John, that "the Holy Spirit descended upon him . . . and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou are my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (3:22).

Yet, shortly after, Jesus is in a barren wilderness facing the temptation and trial of his life. What a change! What a glaring contrast! Surely there was something wrong that such a high moment should follow with one so filled with the potentality for tragedy and failure.

"The Higher We Climb . . ."

Yet, that's the way it is in life: the higher we climb, the greater the distance we may fall. When we seem to be our strongest, it is then that we are most vulnerable. The Tempter is often strongest just after we have seemed to deal him his worst blow.

Actually, there is a kind of diabolical genius in temptation. It has ways of getting to us that are so hard to detect. For example, see how the Tempter starts with Jesus: "If you are the Son of God . . ." (4:3). Notice the subtlety: "IF . . ." No sooner has Jesus received a divine indication about his identity than the Tempter begins to cast doubt upon it. "Are you really sure that you are God's Son?" he is saying. "Perhaps you just imagined that voice from heaven?"

This is one of the Tempter's most ingenious weapons: causing us to doubt the reality and validity of our spiritual experiences.

It's Such A Good Cause!

There is ingenuity, too, in the nature of the three temptations. They are temptations to depend on the material, to seek power, to put self first, but the Tempter knows that he cannot appeal to this man on a strictly selfish basis. Jesus is too dedicated for that. Instead he appeals on the basis of what Jesus could do for others if he were to heed him. He could feed the hungry, he could rule the world's kingdoms, he could demonstrate the power of God — and each of these for a noble objective: to successfully bring the kingdom of God to men.

There it is: the ingenuity of an appeal to use base means for noble ends. "Think of all the good you could do!" is ever the Tempter's invitation. But noble ends cannot sanctify ignoble means and Jesus would not be trapped by this clever appeal.

The genius of temptation, then, is that, at its best, it is always so attractive, so reasonable, so deceptively beguiling.

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Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the Christmas manger scene sets the

hearts with peace
Molly Rogers, Linda, Vicky

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Shopping Tour Involves 47 Children

...Christmas shopping tour was held by the Appo... Jaycees Monday, Dec. 20th, with 47 children ... The coochairmen of this project were James ... Stewart. The children spent the afternoon en... and refreshments, during which time Jaycees ... were preparing the evening meal to consist ... of many other choice foods. The shopping tour ... each child coming his or her $13.00 to be spent ... on presents for themselves and/or family.

When all the shoppers gathered back at the elementary school cafeteria following their shopping tour, gift wrapping began. Yards and yards of paper and ribbon went into making dolls, toy guns and footballs into presents to wait under the Christmas tree until Christmas morning. After all the presents were wrapped, bags of fruit were distributed among the children and they were escorted home by the Jaycees and their wives.

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...God in the highest, ...on, good will to...

...Thursday, Dec. 23) ...our annual Christ...

...will be preaching ser... ...morning at 11 a.m. ...ence with that all ...other but is are doing ...to join with us wish everybody ...a very Merry

...Cancer Society ...volunteers for its ...drive in the cancer ...you help?

...for Fathers ...Father's Tool

...about his ...grandchildren. ...simulated birth... ...has children. ...to order, gift ...styles in $15.00

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Dr. Hal Harris, V.P.I economist (center) was guest speaker for the Young Farmer Award's meeting. Bill Williamson (left) chairman of membership development committee, was presented the area plaques and Carlton Harris (right) was presented the Brandon Silo Award Applicant certificate.

Awards Presented To Young Farmers

Local and area awards were presented Tuesday night at the regular Appomattox Young Farmers Association meeting.

Local winners included Sammy Martin, "Outstanding Young Farm Family Award", and Carlton Harris, "Brandon Silo applicant. The Appomattox YF Association received the area "Membership Development Award" for the Southside Area.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Hal Harris, Agricultural Economists from VPI. Dr. Harris discussed the impact of

Get the Ad Reading Habit

APPOMATTOX 5TH GRADE 4-H

The Appomattox 5th Grade 4-H Club meeting was held in Miss Pamela White's room. They had demonstrations on various subjects as follows: Miss Pam Taylor made an angel out of a pine cone, Miss Sue Lawson and Miss Beth Carter made a stuffed Christmas tree. Miss Tamara Nash and Miss Kathy Johnson made Christmas balls and bells. Miss Pam Smith and Miss Susan Smith made tissue paper flowers. Miss Pam Phelps and Miss Janet Smith made Christmas balls with glitter. Miss Rita Reynolds and Sharon Roach showed how to wrap a gift. Miss Donna Cawthorn and Cheryl Conner showed how to make a ball to put on the tree.

The officers of the club are: Sue Lawson, president; vice president, Peggy Handy; secretary, Beth Carter; reporter, Cheryl Conner; song leaders, Debbie Edmunds and Susan Smith.

The meeting was then adjourned. by Cheryl Conner

Brought 'Sunshine' With Him

Rufus Cawthorne, (left) of Pompano Beach, Florida, evidently brought a lot of sunshine with him on a trip here from Florida. Temperatures in Appomattox reached Floridian proportions on Wednesday and Thursday of last week reaching into the 70's! The Cawthornes are here for the holidays. They've been decorating a home they have here, and giving away fresh fruit, including the nine grapefruit all on a stem right from the Cawthrone's Florida home and presented to Mrs. Calvin Robinson and Mr. Robinson ("Father Darkleaf") on Tuesday of last week. The Robinsons say that the fresh grapefruit is delicious, and that even nicer is the fact that friends will come a long way to "say hello" and share good things with others.

Warm and sincere greetings to you and your loved ones for the bright holiday season.
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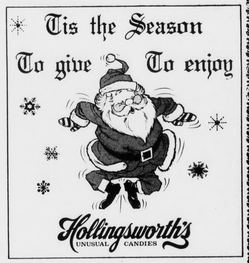

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